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## Who will take reins at city hall?

**POSSIBILITIES** With Bronconnier's departure, speculation ran rampant on social media and blogging websites as to who might succeed as the city's 36th mayor.

While many have previously speculated Ric McIvor's dive into the race, the Ward 12 alderman has steadfastly said he has little to say on the topic.

Other names surfacing for the city's prime leadership role include Ward 6 Ald. Joe Connelly, Ward 11 Ald. Brian Pincott, MRU instructor and Better Calgary Campaign spokesperson Naheed Nenshi.

No official campaign announcements have yet been made by any interested candidates.

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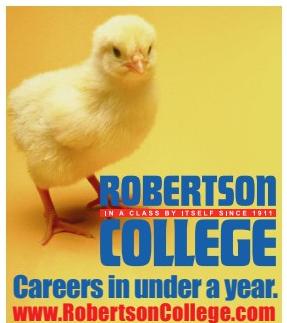
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Canadian Ashleigh McIvor celebrates after winning the Olympic gold medal yesterday in the women's ski-cross competition at Cypress Mountain. McIvor's victory boosted Canada's gold-medal count to six. Story, page 19.

# Bronconnier won't be seeking fourth term

Mayor ready to bow out with 'feeling of satisfaction'

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After leading the city through unprecedented growth over the past decade, Mayor Dave Bronconnier will step down at the end of this term.

In a surprise announcement yesterday during the annual State of the City address, Bronconnier declared he will not seek a fourth term and will enter "private life."

"I didn't get into politics to cut ribbons; I got into politics to get things done ... and I have a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment because the goal set in 2001 has largely been reached," Bronconnier said.

He wouldn't say what spurred the decision, only that he wanted to let Calgarians know in a timely fashion.

"I felt that it was important to let citizens know early on what my inten-

tions were and that those seeking to be the 36th mayor of Calgary have sufficient time."

Bronconnier wouldn't throw his support behind anyone when asked by reporters, but fired a parting shot across the bow by stating "great cities are not built by those who say 'no.'"

Aldermen had kind words to describe Bronconnier, including Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver.

"I think this is a good

day to reflect on all the things the mayor has accomplished over the last eight years. He has won every major battle that I know of and he deserves credit for that," McIver said.

Ward 7 Ald. Druh Farrell echoed the sentiment.

"It's been an honour working with Dave and our council has achieved an extraordinary amount under his tenure," Farrell said. "I believe the city is better because of him."

A look back at  
mayor's tenure

**ELECTION** Became Calgary's 35th mayor on Oct. 22, 2001, after defeating Bev Longstaff in a close race. He previously served nine years as Ward 6 alderman.

**ATA. FUEL TAX** Preserved the provincial fuel-tax agreement worth \$95 million with the province when they tried to slash it in half in 2002.

**1ST RE-ELECTION** Was re-elected in 2004 with almost 80 per cent of the vote, though only 18 per cent of eligible voters participated in the election.

**FEDERAL FUEL TAX** Earned recognition as a leading national voice in favour of a more equitable share of federal fuel-tax revenues for Canada's cities, resulting in an agreement signed in May 2005.

**2ND RE-ELECTION** Campaigned for re-election in the 2007 municipal election for his third and final term by winning with 61 per cent of the vote.

**FUNDING DEAL** On Sept. 14, 2007, signs historic 10-year funding deal with the province.

**WORKERS** Over nine years, the mayor initiates the addition of 500 new police officers and 250 new firefighters.

**CLIMATE CHANGE** On Oct. 8, 2009, Bronconnier, along with eight other mayors of energy cities, signs Calgary Climate Change Accord.

**RETIREMENT** On Feb. 23, 2010, announces his plans to retire as mayor and enter "private life."

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**MILLET** The mother of two little boys found dead in the bathtub of their Millet, Alta., home has been charged with their murder. Allyson McConnell faces two counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of 10-month-old Jayden and his two-and-a-half-year-old brother Connor on Feb. 1. She is scheduled to appear in Wetaskiwin provincial court on March 16. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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We asked: What are your thoughts on Mayor Dave Bronconnier's announcement that he won't seek re-election? **@cyrusrayne** I believe that given the work he's done, along with recent controversies, this is the best move he could make right now. #yyc **@kirkshmidt** I think it's "Moving Calgary Forward";) **@1FeistyKitten** things are starting to get rough and he knows he would never be voted in again.

**@walkerjill** happy he made the decision himself... it's time for some change on the city's council.

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**Blogs** SpinDoctor can't resist the bizarre sight that was Tiger Woods' televised apology and Kenya Hunt on outerwear's very good year at London Fashion Week

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## Zoo finds snakes in a drain

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**The search for sneaky snakes came to an end late yesterday afternoon when two missing Malagasy Giant Hognosed snakes returned from the drain to their enclosure.**

Garth Irvine, a zookeeper for the snake exhibit, left the opening to the drain uncovered while he waited for water to warm up in order to clean the snake enclosure.

"A normal procedure that's been in place for seven years since the building was opened wasn't followed — that isn't acceptable," said Cathy Galliver, the zoo's director of conservation and research.

Galliver said the public's safety was never in danger during the escape.

Irvine, who has been employed by the Zoo for 23 years and worked full time in the Destination Africa exhibit for eight years, was visibly distraught over his part in the incident.

"I'm deeply embar-

rassed," Irvine said yesterday, prior to the snakes' return.

"Two animals I've cared for a long time are missing because of me."

The Savannah building was closed yesterday to allow for a search of the enclosure's drainage pipes.

At 3:30 p.m. Monday it was discovered that the snakes, who are siblings, had made their way into the open drain.

Both snakes found their way back into their enclosure on their own, with their keeper closing the drain behind them.

All involved in the search remained silent as the two snakes made their way back inside the enclosure.

Today the Savannah exhibit will be opened at its regular time with all snakes back safely in their home.

## New payday loan rules to cut down cash advance fees

APRIL STUART  
for Metro Calgary

Payday loan companies will have fees capped under new rules effective March 1.

companies that charged more than 23 dollars are going to have to tighten their belts," he said.

Currently there are 24 companies in the CPLA and only a handful will have to change their practices in order to meet the new rule. Charges previously ranged between \$19.50 and \$26.

"If these kinds of companies weren't available, people would seek their money out (by) going under the table, or in the pool hall, or take their big-screen TV to a pawn shop," said Keyes.

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Police are seeking assistance in finding out what caused a 51-year-old woman's injuries after her car was allegedly stolen from a parking lot at 999 36 St. NE on Feb. 13. The victim is still in hospital with head injuries. METRO CALGARY

## News in brief

**SALARY** Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach has agreed to set up an independent committee to review salary and benefits for the province's elected members. Stelmach's Progressive Conservatives have rejected this option in the past. But in a rare move, Stelmach stood in the legislature yesterday and said he would support an op-

position motion calling for an independent salary review.

**DECISION** The Alberta Teachers' Association has found a former high school principal guilty of having a sexual relationship with a student. Leonard Lethibe admitted to having romantic and inappropriate relations with a teenage girl, but argued he did not be-

lieve the young woman was a student when the relationship began. Lethibe, who is not facing criminal charges, may be ineligible for membership in the ATA. The organization is also recommending to Alberta's education minister Lethibe's teaching certificate be cancelled and that he be fined \$5,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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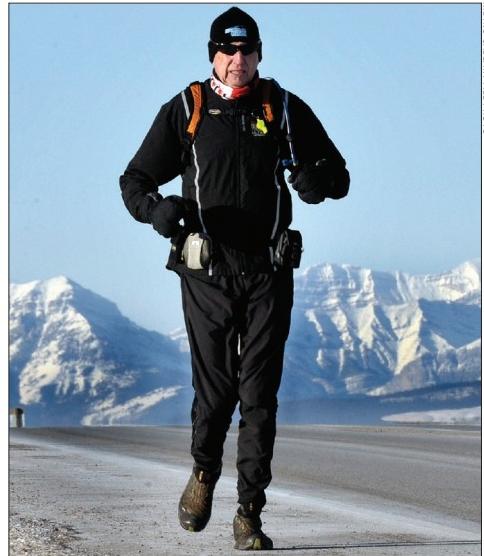
**Not letting a "bump in the road" deter him from his ultimate goal, Cochrane's own marathon man vows to finish his fundraising goal this year despite a leg injury.**

Martin Parnell set out to finish 250 marathons this year to raise \$250,000 for the Right to Play charity organization, but a stress fracture in his left shin could take up to five weeks to heal, he said.

"It's pretty disappointing but I am in it for the long haul and this is just a bump in the road I will have to overcome," Parnell said.

Parnell said despite the setback, he was on track for his goal, completing 30 marathons in 41 days since he began his quest on Jan. 1.

"The silver lining in this is I already completed the toughest runs I will have to



Cochrane ultra-marathoner Martin Parnell, who set out to tackle 250 marathons in a year, suffered a stress fracture in his shin.

face this year with the weather and conditions. It can only get easier from here."

## Retailer ordered to stop credit checks

**COMPLAINT** Mark's Work Wearhouse has been forced to cease pre-employment credit checks after being investigated by the Alberta government following a complaint.

Alberta's privacy commissioner found the employer contravened the Personal

Information Protection Act by screening applicants for credit checks after a complainant applied for a job and during the in-person interview agreed to a credit check.

The applicant was then asked to explain the credit rating and was unsuccessful

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**Ontario looks to tap into Internet gambling**

Ontario is looking at cashing in on Internet gambling, following the lead of other Canadian provinces in having its lottery corporation possibly deliver online wagering. Virtual gambling is a reality and the Ontario government obviously cannot ignore it for long, said Premier Dalton McGuinty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada



## Expert pans Williams surgery

A leading expert on heart repair says he would rarely recommend the type of heart surgery Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams, left, received earlier this month at a Miami hospital because its only long-term benefit is cosmetic. Dr. Thierry Mesana, chief of cardiac surgery at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, says he would offer the "minimally invasive" procedure only to young women hoping to avoid a chest scar.

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## Corporate tax cuts to stay, say officials

Faced with skyrocketing debts, the federal Conservatives say they will begin cutting spending on government programs in the March 4 budget. But the massive corporate tax cuts that are deepening Ottawa's deficit hole every year will not be touched, officials say.

Despite a record annual budget deficit of \$56 billion, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will look elsewhere to try to start putting the federal government's financial house back in order.

In fact, the government is expected to continue phasing in deeper business tax reductions over the next few years.

### NDP response

- The NDP says that, as a result of 10 years of cutting corporate taxes, individuals are carrying 61 per cent of the cost of government programs, while corporations now pay only 15 per cent.

In all, between 2008 and 2014, these cuts are reducing the cash-strapped federal government's tax take by a cumulative \$60 billion.

While these major tax savings for business have attracted little public attention, they are an important factor in the financial mess that has arisen since Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives took power.

Without the corporate tax reductions brought in by Flaherty since 2006, the \$160-billion cumulative budget deficit being run up by 2014 would be reduced by more than one-third — to about \$100 billion.

There have been ripples of concern on Bay Street that corporate tax breaks would offer a tempting target for a deficit-burdened finance minister. In a research report last month, BMO Capital Markets analysts noted that the Harper government has been reducing taxation of corporate profits "with the objective of improving productivity and being globally competitive."

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### Justice Pre-trial custody credit cut



Legislation limiting the amount of credit prisoners can get for time served in custody before and during their trial has become law, Justice Minister Rob Nicholson announced yesterday.

### News in brief

**GRAMMAR** It has become as emblematic and familiar to TV viewers of the 2010 Winter Games. But that musical phenomenon known as I Believe may in fact provide the true

legacy of the Games: Bad grammar. The line "I believe in the power of you and I" should be "believe in the power of you and me," grammarians say.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### CSIS visit led to torture: Records

**TERROR** Newly released records say Canada's spy agency travelled to Egypt to get information from a Toronto man, likely contributing to his mistreatment by authorities there.

The previously unknown visit by Canadian Security Intelligence Service officers became public Tuesday as a federal commission disclosed once-secret pages of an inquiry report on the overseas torture of Ahmad El Maati and two other Arab-Canadians.

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## Word on the street: Has Canada's image been tarnished by foreign criticism of the Vancouver Olympics?

**Jean Munn**  
Calgary

A: This Olympics is a wonderful sport and cultural event, and I don't think our reputation has been tarnished at all.

**Jan Arciszewski**  
Vancouver

A: That's the thing about Canadians, we don't care. I mean, let's go have a beer, it doesn't have to be perfect.

**Jordan Walker**  
Halifax

A: That kind of thing goes along with each Olympics. I think for me and most people I've talked to it's actually boosted our patriotism.

**Vikki Wishart**  
Vancouver

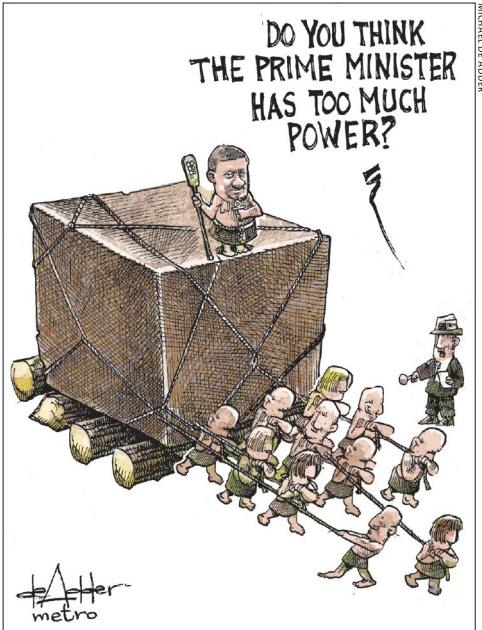
A: The energy has been nothing but positive. I don't know what's going on out there, but here, people are very happy and the energy level is very high.

**Salar Babaeiha**  
Toronto

A: I think so much of the bashing has come from Britain because they are hosting the next Olympics ... puts less pressure on them so people won't expect as much from them.

**Tarra Kongsrude**  
Edmonton

A: I think foreign media is always looking for an angle ... There have certainly been far worse Olympics and this one has shown great heart and personality.



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# World



## Court weighs material support of terror

The Obama administration is defending parts of a key anti-terror law against a U.S. Supreme Court challenge from humanitarian groups. The administration urged the court yesterday to uphold the law's ban on providing support to foreign terrorist organizations designated by the State Department even when it consists of training and advice about peaceful activities such as lobbying the United Nations. The government's lawyer Elena Kagan said any aid to terrorist groups "strengthens them."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### News in brief

**GOOGLE** For the first time ever, Google Earth has released high-resolution pictures of "The Boneyard" — the world's

largest military aircraft cemetery near to the Davis-Monthan U.S. Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. Officially it is

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## NATO chief apologizes

McChrystal goes on Afghan TV in attempt to regain trust

**The commander of U.S. and NATO forces went on Afghan national television yesterday to apologize for a deadly airstrike, an extraordinary attempt to regain Afghans' trust while a mass offensive continues against the Taliban in the south.**

In a video translated into the Afghan languages of Dari and Pashto, a stern Gen. Stanley McChrystal apologized for the strike in central Uruzgan province that Afghan officials say

killed at least 21 people. The video was also posted on a NATO website.

"I pledge to strengthen our efforts to regain your trust to build a brighter future for all Afghans," Mc-

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A crowd of evangelicals attacked Voodoo practitioners as rising religious strife adds to Haiti's woes.  
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Chrystal said in the video. "I have instituted a thorough investigation to prevent this from happening again."

Sunday's attack by NATO jets on a convoy of cars was the deadliest attack on civilians in six months and prompted a sharp rebuke from the Afghan government.

The civilian deaths occurred as 15,000 NATO, U.S. and Afghan soldiers were in their 10th day of fighting insurgents in the town of Marjah.

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#### Gates says Europe hindering NATO

**WASHINGTON** Europeans' aversion to military force is limiting NATO's ability to fight wars effectively, U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates said yesterday.

The early successes of NATO in averting post-World War II eruptions of European conflict have led to a new set of concerns, Gates said.

"The demilitarization of Europe — where large swaths of the general public and political class are averse to military force and the risks that go with it — has gone from a blessing in the 20th century to an impediment to achieving real security and lasting peace in the 21st," he told an audience from many of NATO's 28 member countries.

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#### India Sikhs protest murders



A Sikh man protests against the Taliban and Pakistani government in Jammu, India, yesterday. The protest took place after the decapitated bodies of two Sikhs were found almost a month after they were kidnapped in Pakistan's Khyber tribal region.

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# Warrant out for mother

Woman still missing with child shared with ex-partner

**A judge overseeing a custody battle ordered the arrest yesterday of a woman who renounced homosexuality, became an evangelical Christian and disappeared with the young daughter she had with her ex-partner.**

Judge William Cohen found Lisa Miller of Vermont in contempt of court and issued the arrest warrant during a brief hearing

in family court.

"I hope the judge's order today gives law enforcement the tools they need to find my daughter," Miller's former partner, Janet Jenkins, said after the hearing, holding up pictures of the girl, Isabella, and asking anyone who has seen her to contact police or the Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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## Civil union

- Lisa Miller and Janet Jenkins were joined in a civil union in 2000 and Isabella was born to Miller in 2002. The couple split in 2003, and Miller moved to Virginia.
- The judge had awarded custody to Miller, but ordered a switch after finding Miller denied Jenkins visitation.

## Haiti gives U.S. seized orphans

**LEGAL** Haiti has handed U.S. officials six orphans its police seized over the weekend as they were about to board a plane for the United States, a top Haitian official said yesterday.

Social Welfare agency chief Jeanne Bernard Pierre would not say exactly when her office transferred the children to the U.S. Embassy, and officials there did not return calls seeking confirmation.

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SARAH THACKER

Sarah Thacker of Fergus Falls, Minn., was among four women detained in Haiti as they were about to leave the country.

## News in brief

**MINE EXPLOSION** A methane gas explosion yesterday caused the collapse of an underground chamber of a Turkish coal mine in northwestern Turkey, killing one miner and trapping more than two dozen others, officials and news reports said.

**ASIA** Indonesian park ranger, Marcellinus Subanghadir, escaped an attack by a Komodo dragon, the world's largest lizard species, when his colleagues heard his cries for help and drove the reptile away.

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**CGI wins \$2.2M contract**

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# Business

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**In brief**

**ADVERTISING** Puppet cleavage has been ruled out for advertising posters in Colorado Springs bus shelters. Lamar Advertising rejected posters for a touring production of the Broadway show Avenue Q because they show the cleavage of a fuzzy pink puppet.

**PROFIT** Canadian bakery and grocery giant George Weston Ltd. says its net earnings were \$82 million in the fourth quarter, as sales dipped 6.4 per cent over the same time last year. The company said its profit amounted to 53 cents per share for the period ended Dec. 31. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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PGA officials play down Tiger's absence from the tour as merely a "speed bump" for revenues. Scan this code for the story.

## Bonuses top \$20B: Official

**Wall Street bonuses were up 17 per cent to over \$20 billion US in 2009, the year U.S. taxpayers bailed out the financial sector after its meltdown, New York state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said yesterday.**

Total compensation at the largest securities firms grew beyond that figure and profits could surpass what he calls an unprecedented \$55 billion last year, DiNapoli said. That's nearly three times Wall Street's record increase, a rate of growth that is boosted in part by the record losses in 2008 of nearly \$43 billion, the Democrat said.

"Wall Street is vital to New York's economy, and

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- The bonus estimate doesn't include compensation that Wall Streeters chose to take in stock options and other kinds of deferred payment.

the dollars generated by the industry help the state's bottom line," said DiNapoli. "For most Americans, these huge bonuses are a bitter pill and hard to comprehend ... Taxpayers bailed them out, and now they're back making money while many New York families are still struggling."

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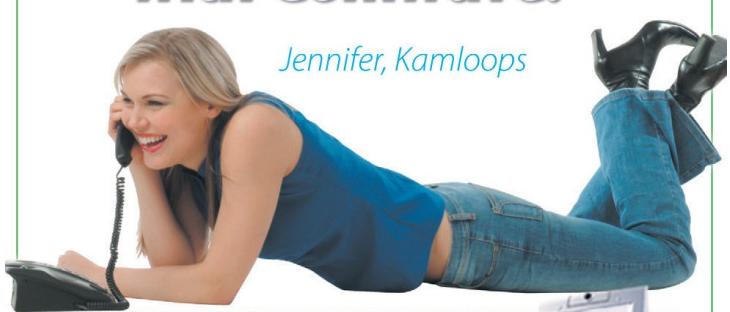
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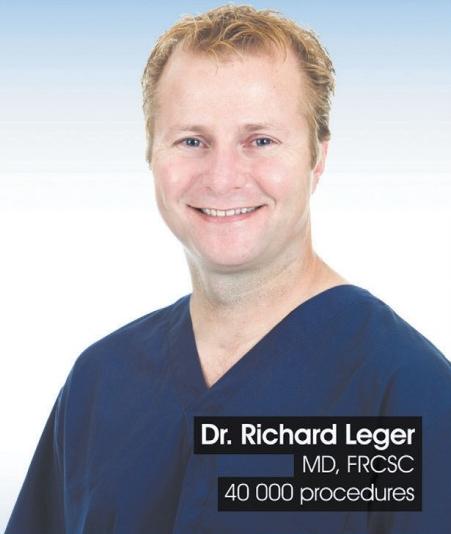
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Rhonda Smith of Sevierville, Tenn., wipes her eyes as she talks about her experience with her Lexus' apparent sudden acceleration, while testifying before the House Oversight and Investigations subcommittee hearing on Toyota yesterday

## Toyota urged to restore confidence at U.S. hearings

**Japanese Cabinet ministers called yesterday for Toyota to use high-profile congressional hearings in Washington to restore consumer confidence in the key U.S. market.**

Top Toyota officials were scheduled to answer questions from committees in the House of Representatives beginning late yesterday. Akio Toyoda, Toyota's president and grandson of the company founder, is scheduled to appear today.

The world's top automaker is facing an unprecedented crisis over its massive recalls of vehicles

due to defects involving floor mats, gas pedals and brakes that have called into question its reputation for quality and safety honed over decades.

"Toyota is a company that has always put safety first," Trade Minister Masayuki Naoshima told reporters after a Cabinet meeting. "I hope its explanation will help the U.S. public understand this."

Naoshima also said they must ease concerns among American consumers.

"Regaining trust is the most important thing for Toyota," he said.

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## CEO: Tiger's future with P&G uncertain

**ADVERTISING** The CEO of the Procter & Gamble Co. says he doesn't know whether golfer Tiger Woods will ever appear in another Gillette commercial.

Woods still appears online among the "Gillette Champions," but new commercials for a Gillette shaver and related products feature baseball's Derek Jeter and tennis' Roger Federer but not Woods.

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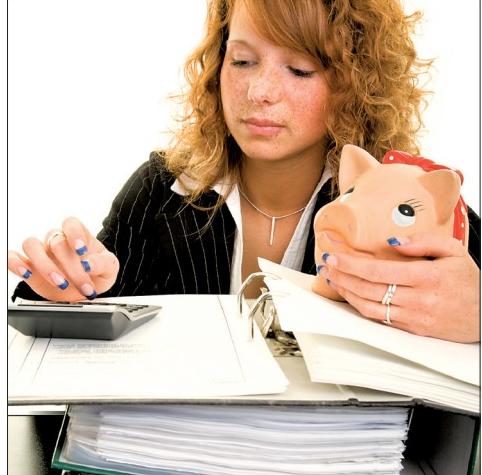
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## Don't forget

The deadline for making contributions to your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) for the 2009 tax year is March 1, 2010. That means you only have five days left!

## Time left to invest before deadline



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**"Don't go out and buy something that you don't really understand."** David Sokolan

**The March 1 RRSP contribution deadline is almost upon us, and if you've procrastinated this far, you're probably sweating a bit.**

Not to fear, you still have a few options left to make sure your money makes it into your RRSP account to get you those valuable tax savings.

David Sokolan, a financial adviser with Edward Jones in Edmonton, says the most important thing at the last minute is to get your money into an RRSP account, ideally in cash so that you don't buy anything you're not ready for. Once the deadline passes, you can sit down with your adviser at a more opportune time to

plan out an investment strategy.

"If you're in a big hurry, you can park your money in cash for now. All you have to do is put money into the RRSP account and a contribution slip is generated," he said. "Don't go out and buy something that you don't really understand because it's easy to get into investments but always harder to get out."

Make sure to get a notice of assessment first so that you'll know exactly how much room you have to contribute, as going over your limit can be painful.

"If you over-contribute to your RRSP, it will cost you

extensive time and money to sort it out," Sokolan said.

If you already have an RRSP account set up, you can do an online deposit of cash right into your RRSP account, a good option for people lost for time.

If you haven't saved enough cash to put into your RRSP but you have outside investments, Sokolan suggests you move a portion of those into your RRSP accounts and they will count as a contribution just as money would.

Lastly, cashable GICs can be a good option if you don't want your money just sitting around in the RRSP but don't want to commit it

too strongly — most are cashable in 30-60 days and generate interest up to the date you cash them.

Whatever you do, don't expect miracles to happen at the last minute, says Tom Hamza, president of the Investor Education Fund.

"It's like exercise — if you think that at the last day of RRSP season you can go out and run a marathon, you'll hurt yourself. It's something you have to plan for," Hamza said.

Don't dwell on past mistakes — a new day is a new chance to get back on track with your goals.

"Don't look back, look forward. There's no point in beating yourself up — but there is a point in acting, and we can all change what we do for the future," Hamza said.

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# Start planning for next year now

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**Going to miss the March 1 RRSP contribution deadline or simply didn't save as much as you wanted this year? Don't lose hope — you can come out swinging in 2010 if you plan ahead.**

John Nardi, a financial adviser with Edward Jones, says even if you haven't met your RRSP goals this year, it's important to pick yourself up and evaluate how you can move forward.

"Don't get discouraged. Find out why you missed the deadline, take a step back and think, 'Why did I not accomplish my goals?' You need to have long-term goals in mind and now is an opportunity to sit down and review them with an



Now is a good time to sit down with an adviser and review your investment goals, experts say.

adviser," Nardi said.

Rosanna De Jong, manager of financial planning with RBC in Edmonton,

says changing your mindset is key — good financial planning is not as much about deadlines as it is

about steady commitment. Your money starts working for you the moment you put it into your RRSP, so

waiting until the yearly deadline actually means you lose out on up to a year of potential growth.

"Don't wait to contribute. Contributing early gives your savings more time to grow," De Jong said.

Nardi agrees, saying in an ideal world, you'd want to make your entire contribution for the coming year in March. While most people would be hard-pressed to make such a large contribution after just putting the previous year's money into their RRSP, for people who missed the deadline March can be an enormous opportunity to get a head-start on growth.

Regular, consistent contributing can also go a lot further than scrambling to find money at the end of the year, so both Nardi and De Jong suggest setting up

monthly contributions to your RRSP so you can spread the load over the course of the year. Having the money withdrawn automatically will ensure you have enough at year's end, and your money will start growing faster.

RBC financial planner Mario Muzzo says you shouldn't let short-term shifts in the market shy you away from long-term investing. Stick to your investment plan and you'll be able to weather changes.

"Don't be scared or deterred from the markets or investments in general by what's going on; look at your own situation, stay within your comfort zone and stick to your savings plan," Muzzo said. "Chances are on your side that you'll be successful more often than not."

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## TFSA a great tax tool: Experts

**The annual RRSP deadline also comes with lots of questions.**

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This year, you may need to ask yourself an additional question: Do you put your money in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan, or a Tax-Free Savings Plan?

The answer will depend on how much money you make, as well as your personal financial situation, and a host of other factors.

But what financial planning experts do agree on is this: The TFSA, as it's known, can be a great tax planning tool that, for many Canadians, will be a key way to build wealth down the road.

"I believe over the next 20 years or so, you're going to be looking at TFSA accounts that are well into the six figures, in other words over \$100,000, just from people contributing every single year, plus the growth on that money," said Jamie Golombek, managing director, tax and estate planning, for CIBC Private Wealth Management.

"People should not be ignoring TFSAs."

Financial planning experts agree that if you are in a low-income bracket now — if you're making less than \$40,000 annually — it doesn't make much sense to contribute to an RRSP because you won't be saving much on taxes.



While an annual investment of \$5,000 into a Tax-Free Savings Account doesn't seem like much now, it could grow to more than \$550,000 over 35 years, financial experts say.

As well, you could end up having some government benefits clawed back in retirement if you are withdrawing a large amount from your retirement nest egg.

Keep in mind that the government prescribes how much can be withdrawn from the registered account, (by then you will have converted it to a RRIF, or Registered Retirement Income Fund) and those withdrawals are classified as income.

Withdrawals from a TFSA savings account, on the other hand, are not counted as income.

ed as income.

For people in a lower income bracket, "starting a TFSA and consistently contributing \$5,000 a year would be a great boon," said Adam Salahudeen, of Scotiabank.

"Don't be fooled into thinking that it doesn't sound like very much."

For example, \$5,000 a year invested annually with a 6 per cent rate of return and no withdrawals would grow to more than \$550,000 over 35 years.

"While today that \$5,000 contribution doesn't seem like very much, in 20 years

**"Starting a TFSA and consistently contributing \$5,000 a year would be a great boon."**

Adam Salahudeen

from now, that build-up of contribution room will be very powerful," Salahudeen said.

If you are in a high income tax bracket now and expect to be in a lower one in retirement, as most people would be, it's a good idea to contribute to an RRSP first, then do your additional savings in a tax-free account.

There are important ways to use these accounts together. For instance, if you are not earning much now, but expect your income to climb in the coming years, start saving in a TFSA and then pull it out to contribute to an RRSP.

"Then you would get a tax deduction when you're in a higher tax bracket and you would restore your TFSA contribution room the following year because any withdrawals from a TFSA can automatically be re-contributed the following year," Golombek said.

Keep in mind that, unlike withdrawals from an RRSP, there are no taxes to be paid on a TFSA. You can take out as much as you like at any time for any reason. Withdrawals are simply added to your contribution room the following calendar year.

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**By the numbers**

According to the eighth Rethink RetirementTM survey, almost half of all Canadian workers (44 per cent) managed to keep their finances on track despite the recession. **NEWS CANADA**

# Jobs & Training

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Trend indicates more licensed practical nurses on the way

**MICHELLE LINDSTROM**  
for Metro Calgary

Interest in nursing remains strong, and some Alberta post-secondary institutions have continued to increase the number of spots available over the past decade to train students as registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs) or registered psychiatric nurses (RPNs).

The current health-care trend within Alberta indicates the ratio of RNs to LPNs will shift to increase the presence of LPNs.

Dianne Tapp, dean of nursing at the University of Calgary, says this shift could be an issue since even though the clinical care paths are similar between RNs and LPNs, their roles are quite different.

Bill DuPerron, dean of health and community care at Bow Valley College, says his experience in the health-care system and teaching leads him to believe practical nurses are a great, underutilized treasure. He sees the ratio shift as a positive one.

## Nursing programs

- University of Calgary:** The bachelor degree in nursing program is four years long, but there is an accelerated two-year version for those who already have a bachelor's degree and want to enter nursing. The U of C also offers graduate studies.

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# Alberta sees jobs increase

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**Looks like Edmonton remains the City of Champions when it comes to jobs over the last year as Edmonton is currently boasting a lower unemployment rate than Calgary.**

But fear not Calgary, with only a 0.3 of a per cent difference behind Edmonton, things are beginning to look up for the province.

"The big picture is that Edmonton gained employment between December 2009 and January 2010," says Vincent Ferrao, labour market analyst for Statistics Canada.

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for January 2010, Alberta is sitting in third for the lowest unemployment rate in the country, after its more easterly neighbours Saskatchewan and Manitoba respectively. "It looks like things have



The health-care sector is the fastest-growing sector in Calgary.

started to turn around for the province," says Ferrao.

From June 2009 to December 2009, the province has begun to see an increase in jobs.

"This contrasts with the steep decline that we saw at the beginning of the downturn," says Ferrao.

Edmonton has been seeing more broad-based gains across many sectors whereas Calgary has been seeing a lot more spikes in some industries and larger declines in others.

**"It looks like things have started to turn around for the province."**

Vincent Ferrao, Statistics Canada

industry, but you may want to pack up and head to Calgary if you are looking for a career in the health-care field.

With the health-care sector being the fast-growing sector in Calgary, health-care professionals finally have something to smile about.

Calgary was hit harder in the decline of the manufacturing and natural resource jobs than Edmonton, but compared to the rest of the country, the unemployment woes are nothing like the decline of jobs that Windsor, Ont., has seen.

"Ontario was very badly hit during the downturn," says Ferrao.

Because of the decline of the auto industry during the economic downturn, Windsor's unemployment rate for January 2010 was the worst in the country at 12.8 per cent.

According to the stats from the past year, it appears that the worst is behind Alberta and gradual gains are in the future.

"I would not say it is going back to the boom times, but it is not losing employment," says Ferrao. "There is a lot of territory to catch up on."

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Woods says sorry again: Report

Tiger Woods has offered another apology, this time to parents of children at the preschool that his two-year-old daughter attends, an Orlando television station reported yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports

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World Cup training sites still in flux

**PLANNING** FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke said yesterday he still doesn't know where all 32 World Cup teams will be based during the tournament in South Africa.

FIFA wanted the list of training camps completed yesterday, but those plans have been derailed by teams still changing their plans ahead of the event, which starts June 11.

With more than three months to go, organizers still face problems with Soccer City — the incomplete Johannesburg venue for the opening match and final. Organizers also need to fill stadiums and handle the scrutiny on England's proposed training camp. "If the question is, 'Could we host the World Cup tomorrow morning?' the answer is no," Valcke said.

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## Canada loss 'stung,' Bay says

Mets' off-season acquisition arrives at spring training with big deal

**Jason Bay arrived at the New York Mets' spring-training camp yesterday and talked about everything from his health, to his defence, to his reaction to Canada's loss to the U.S. in Olympic hockey.**

"That stung a little bit," said Bay, a British Columbia native who became a U.S. citizen last summer, but was quick to add, "I'm still a Canadian, through and through."

He's also a Met, having signed a four-year, \$66-million US contract as a free agent in December. And his adjustment to playing for his new team dominated the conversation during a 20-minute question-and-

answer session with the media at Tradition Field.

"I've walked into a new clubhouse before," Bay said.

Until now, however, he hasn't played in the demanding New York market. Nor has he played half his games within the cavernous confines of Citi Field.

But Bay, a three-time All-Star and the 2004 National League rookie of the year, said neither the size of the market nor the ballpark was a factor in his decision to sign with the Mets.

"I honestly never gave a ballpark any second thought," said Bay, 31, who batted .267 with 36 home runs and 119 RBIs for the Boston Red Sox last season. "Or geography. A lot of people

had me pegged as a West Coast guy because I live in Seattle.

"You get a chance, if you're lucky, to be a free agent once or twice in your lifetime. Why are you going to limit yourself to a ballpark or a city. I played in Pittsburgh. It's not PETCO (in San Diego), by any means,

but it's definitely not Fenway over in left field, either.

"I'm confident with myself," he added.

"At the end of the day, I try to get on base and try to knock in runs. If you knock in 100 runs with 10 home runs, so be it.

That's by no means my plan."



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That's not the Mets' plan, either.

The Mets brought Bay to New York to provide power, something that was in short supply as David Wright struggled to hit home runs and the team stumbled through an injury-ravaged, 92-loss season in 2009.

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Jason Bay

### Sports in brief

**CFL** The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed free-agent quarterback Steven Jyles yesterday and also released veteran Michael Bishop. The six-foot, 195-pound Jyles spent the last two seasons with the Saskatchewan Roughriders but played sparingly.

**NHL** The home ice of the NHL's Nashville Predators is expected to get a new name from another company that's close to home. The current Sommet Center in downtown Nashville will become Bridgestone Arena under a naming rights contract that is pending approval by the Nashville Sports Authority, team officials said yesterday.

**NBA** Recently acquired Washington Wizards forward Josh Howard will miss the remainder of the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld made the announcement in a statement yesterday.

**MLB** Aaron Boone has ended his 12-year major league career and will become a baseball analyst for ESPN. He announced his retirement yesterday, saying it was "a privilege and honour" to have played for six different clubs in the majors.

**NFL** Brian Westbrook was released yesterday by the Philadelphia Eagles, ending an often-dynamic eight-year run that was marred by various injuries. A former All-Pro, the 5-foot-10 Westbrook led the league in yards from scrimmage in 2007 with 2,104.

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15. Darrick Bowden	N, CA	848	338	513	851

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**Kornheiser suspended by ESPN**

ESPN has suspended host Tony Kornheiser from his television talk show Pardon the Interruption for comments he made on the radio last week about SportsCenter anchor Hannah Storm's clothing. Kornheiser described an outfit Storm was wearing last week by saying she looked "like she has sausage casing wrapping around her upper body." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Suzuki greets teammates with hugs, seems happy with M's

**BASEBALL** Ichiro Suzuki can talk about separating the way last season ended from the start of a new year, but all indications are that the good vibes will linger with the nine-time All-Star.

The Seattle Mariners won their final game of 2009, finishing with 85 wins, and had the fans at Safeco Field

wishing the season could go on. Teammates carried Suzuki, the team's biggest star, off the field on their shoulders.

Fast forward to Monday and Tuesday, with Suzuki returning the love through a lot of hugs and handshakes and joking with his teammates in a jovial clubhouse



'I feel very comfortable this year.'

Ichiro Suzuki

and on the field.

Suzuki was particularly

glad to see Ken Griffey Jr. Junior held Suzuki back from starting his shuttle run during yesterday's workout on purpose, drawing laughter from onlookers. Later, as Suzuki ran, Griffey jogged alongside, egging him on.

"I think he came back this year to do that to me," Suzuki

ki said through an interpreter. "He said he needed to do more against me than last year, so I guess this is a good start for him."

Let the fun begin again in what was last year a good-time environment among the Mariners.

"I feel very comfortable this year because when you

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## Former NBA star sent to prison

**SENTENCE** Former NBA star Jayson Williams was sentenced to five years in prison yesterday for fatally shooting a hired limo driver in 2002, ending an eight-year legal odyssey by tearfully apologizing to the victim's family. He will be eligible for parole in 18 months.

Williams, avoiding a retrial on a reckless manslaughter count that deadlocked the jury at his 2004 trial, pleaded guilty last month to aggravated assault in the death of

Costas Christofi on Feb. 14, 2002. At the same 2004 trial, he was acquitted of aggravated manslaughter, but convicted on four counts of covering up the shooting.

The sentences on the assault and coverup counts will run concurrently. State Superior Court Judge Edward Coleman went along with a plea agreement that spelled out the five-year prison sentence and the potential for Williams to be released as early as summer 2011.

In court yesterday, a tearful Williams turned and apologized to Andrea Adams, Christofi's sister, saying, "There's not a day I wake up that I don't feel sorry for what I did to Mr. Christofi and that I put you through this."

Adams wrote in a letter read by a court employee that the punishment "didn't fit the crime" and spoke of "eight years of agony watching Jayson Williams prance around and live his life and acting like nothing happened."

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# Vancouver Games

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**Blunder proves costly for Dutch speedskating star**

**COACH** If ever there was a blunder of Olympian proportions, this was it.

Dutch star Sven Kramer lost the Olympic gold medal yesterday when coach Gerard Kemkers sent him the wrong way on a changeover during the 25 laps of the 10,000-metre speedskating race — a mistake so elementary, it defies belief.

"It is a disastrous error," said Kemkers, still in shock because his faulty instructions had Kramer disqualified and moved Lee Seung-hoon of South Korea to gold from silver.

Kramer had not lost a 10,000 in three years, making him the prohibitive favourite to win — until the inexplicable happened.

Every lap, a skater moves from the outside lane to the inside lane, or vice-versa, for a changeover to make sure everybody skates the same distance.

Kemkers didn't realize Kramer had already moved outside, and desperately pointed him inside with one finger while Kramer was making the right decision to move to the outside lane.

The years of trust between coach and skater convinced Kramer to change his mind and move inside.

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## Auf Wiedersehen, Germany

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**With about three minutes left in last night's 8-2 thrashing of Germany, the 16,000 raving fans let the world know exactly who they wanted to play in today's quarter-final as deafening chants of "We want Russia" threatened to blow the roof off Canada Hockey Place.**

"They were just saying what they wanted, I don't think you could blame them," said Canada's Sidney Crosby, who will renew his often heated rivalry with Russian superstar Alexander Ovechkin on the world's largest stage.

The Russians won a bye to this afternoon's quarter-finals, finishing third behind the top-ranked Americans and Swedes.

"(Russia-Canada) is a big rivalry, we all know it," Crosby said. "It's something that everyone has been talking about before the Olympics... the fact is, we have a big quarter-final game and the fact that it is them just adds more to it. I expect it will be a pretty incredible atmosphere."

Canada, ranked sixth after the preliminary round, opened the scoring last



Canada's Joe Thornton, right, celebrates his first-period goal last night against German goaltender Thomas Greiss with teammates Drew Doughty and Dany Heatley. Canada won 8-2.

night halfway through the first period. Joe Thornton beat German goaltender (and San Jose teammate) Thomas Greiss glove side after taking a pass from behind the net from Dany Heatley (another San Jose teammate).

The scoring began with a blast in the second.

A Shea Weber slapshot beat Greiss stick side and zipped clean through the netting, causing the water bottle to give a little jump.

Weber yelled at the referee and gestured wildly at the net, but the play continued for another 40 seconds or so, until a

whistle sounded and officials could review the play. Weber was soon awarded the goal.

Jarome Iginla had two goals on the night, while Crosby, Mike Richards, captain Scott Niedermayer and Rick Nash each scored in the third.

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## Rochette's brave effort puts her in third place

**FIGURE SKATING** Just days after the death of her mother, Canadian figure skater Joannie Rochette held it together on the ice and put on a show with a courageous performance in the Olympic women's short program last night.

The 24-year-old figure skater from Ile-Dupas, Que., scored a personal best 71.36 Joannie points for what had to be the most difficult program of her life. She stands a remarkable third going into tomorrow's long program.

The Canadian fought back tears when her name was announced in the warmup to huge applause, and again when she glided onto the ice.

She broke down the moment her emotional program ended though, and then collapsed into the arms of her long-time coach Manon Perron.

In brief comments relayed through Skate Canada high performance director Mike Slipchuk, Rochette said words could not describe how she was feeling.

"Hard to handle, but appreciate the support. Will remember this forever."

Reigning world champion Kim Yu-Na of South Korea scored a world-record 78.50 points to lead the standings. Mao Asada of Japan is second with 73.78 points.

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### What to watch today

## TV Highlights

- 12:15 p.m.: Cross-country skiing**  
Men's 4x10 km relay classic gold medal (OLN).
- 1 p.m.: Men's hockey**  
Playoffs (Sportsnet).
- 2 p.m.: Long-track speedskating**  
Women's 5,000m gold medal (CTV).
- 2:15 p.m.: Alpine skiing**  
Women's giant slalom gold medal (TSN).
- 5:30 p.m.: Men's hockey**  
Playoffs (CTV).
- 6 p.m.: Short-track speedskating**  
Women's 3,000m relay final (TSN);
- 6 p.m.: Bobsled**  
Women's gold medal (Sportsnet).
- 8 p.m.: Men's hockey**  
Playoffs (TSN).
- 10 p.m.: Men's hockey**  
Playoffs (CTV).

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### VANCOUVER GAMES

## Medal Count

NATION	TOTAL
U.S.7	8 10 25
Germany	7 9 6 22
Norway	6 5 6 17
Russia	3 4 6 13
Canada	6 4 1 11
South Korea	5 4 1 10
France	2 3 5 10
Austria	3 3 3 9
Switzerland	6 0 2 8
Sweden	3 2 2 7
Netherlands	3 1 2 6
China	3 1 1 5
Poland	0 3 1 4
Italy	0 1 3 4
Slovakia	1 1 1 3
Czech Republic	1 0 2 3
Japan	0 1 2 3
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**Janka secures Swiss gold**

Carlo Janka of Switzerland won the Olympic gold medal in giant slalom. Janka had a combined two-run time of two minutes 37.83 seconds to add the Olympic title to the world title he won last year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# Meet Ashleigh McIvor, Canada's latest hero

**Canadian Ashleigh McIvor is the first Olympic women's ski-cross champion.**

The 26-year-old native of Whistler led from start to finish to win gold yesterday at the Vancouver Winter Games, where ski cross is making its Olympic debut.

Hedda Berntsen of Norway won silver at Cypress Mountain while Marion Josserand of France took the bronze.

McIvor is the defending world champion and won a World Cup silver medal on the Cypress course just more than a year ago. She is ranked second in the World Cup standings.

The high-drama event

## Canadian finishes

- Kelsey Serwa of Kelowna, B.C., just missed making the final to finish fifth. Julia Murray of Whistler finished 12th while Danielle Poleschuk of Winnipeg finished 19th at Cypress Mountain.

features four skiers navigating a course with bumps, jumps and turns in a race to the finish line.

McIvor was Canada's first ski-cross racer to secure a spot on the Olympic freestyle team — which served as both a blessing and a curse for McIvor. She was thrilled to have a Games spot locked up well

in advance, but the early nomination only made the wait that much more difficult.

A natural daredevil, McIvor began skiing down her parents' carpeted steps at age two. As a child, she spent her summers traversing rugged terrain on her bike, and her winters blazing down the ski hill.

After winning her first-ever ski-cross race seven years ago — and subsequently qualifying for the X Games — McIvor was hooked. Sponsors and ski companies lined up right away, recognizing the combination of movie-star beauty and raw talent made her an instant superstar.

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Canadian Ashleigh McIvor celebrates yesterday after winning the gold medal during women's ski-cross competition at Cypress Mountain in West Vancouver.

## A good cause, but are we missing the point of Own the Podium?

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The intent of Own the Podium is to have Canadian athletes be competitive at the home Olympics. That's why about \$120 million has been invested over the past five years.

Mission accomplished. As of the completion of Day 12, Canada boasted 11 medals — six gold — and another 18 fourth- or fifth-place finishes.

The results have come in almost all disciplines from figure skating to cross-country skiing, and all sports in between.

Where Own the Podium has gone awry is in the interpretation of its message. Strangely, the moniker for a strategy to support high-performance athletes from this country has taken on a jingoistic connotation.

The tone has been slightly aggressive and Own the Podium has become a buzz phrase that when poorly translated ac-

tually runs counter to the ideals of the Olympics.

One of the founders of the modern Games, Pierre de Coubertin, envisioned a higher purpose for this international gathering.

"In the Olympics, as in life, the most important thing is not the victory," de Coubertin wrote.

**"Own the Podium has become a buzz phrase that when poorly translated, actually runs counter to the ideals of the Olympics."**

The goal of the Own the Podium program is noble indeed.

It's designed to support Canadian athletes who were notoriously undervalued by an affluent country that fancied itself full of youthful potential.

In other words, Canadians should excel in winter sports and contend for championships at an Olympics staged in this country.

It is right to be ambitious and competitive.

But to try to "own" something as elusive as the most medals at the Olympic Games can be characterized as being

boastful and a challenge that, if not delivered upon, is seen as a failure.

Own the Podium is anything but a failure.

It is a plan whose translation to the Canadian public has been flawed.

Canadian athletes are achieving at an exceptional level.

They are competing on even terms with the best in the world.

The medals will come, and besides, no amount of money, science or coaching can assure success in the fickle arena of the Olympic Games where anything can happen.

Own the Podium is a good plan, but it's the wrong name.

We should understand that Own the Podium is really about a consistent pursuit of excellence by all Canadian athletes.

Too bad something got lost in the translation.

## Vancouver Games in brief

**MEN'S CURLING** Canada's Kevin Martin made a clean sweep in the round robin in men's curling at the 2010 Winter Olympics yesterday, but will have to wait to find out who

his opponent will be in tomorrow's semifinal. Martin made an open draw for four points in the first end of his game against China's Hongchen Li before romping

to a 10-3 blowout. Canada, which had wrapped up first place a few days ago, ended the round robin with a 9-0 record.

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## Canada's Cheryl Bernard grabs No. 1 seed

**WOMEN'S CURLING** Canadian curler Cheryl Bernard has stolen her way to the No. 1 seed at the Vancouver Olympics.

Bernard picked up four steals against 19-year-old British skip Eve Muirhead yesterday en route to a 6-5 win. With the victory, the Calgary skip improved her round-robin record at the Winter Games to 7-1 and assured her rink top seed for tomorrow's semifinal playoffs.

"That was again one of our better games, up in the top couple of per cent," Bernard said after the win.

Then, in what may be a terrifying realization for the rest of the field, she added: "I still think there's room, I think we can im-



Cheryl Bernard is shown during yesterday's win over Britain.

prove a little bit more."

Bernard, a 43-year-old from Calgary, will open the playoff round against

two-time Olympic silver medallist Mirjam Ott of Switzerland tomorrow.

Bernard beat Ott 5-4 in her Games debut with a

harrowing draw in the 10th end.

The loss was the first of three in a row for Ott to start the tournament, though she rebounded by winning her next five contests.

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**Mount Royal launches new logo**

# Workology

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## Making tasty things look tastier

### Working the Wok

For the month of February, Metro's Workology section will be focusing on some delicious food-related careers. This is the last in the series, so check Metronews.ca to read the whole thing and stay tuned for next month's theme, engineering.

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Canada

**When Lucie Richard contemplated a career as a food stylist, she worried she was lacking a critical personality trait.**

"I thought they were way too anal," she admits.

"They promised me they could make me an anal person and they were successful. I can spend a lot of time looking at five peices on a plate."

That fine eye for detail is important for the make-up artists of the food world. A former chef, Richard (lucie richard.ca) prepares food for photo shoots and keeps it looking hot, cold, juicy or tender, depending on the item. The freelancer works in editorial, advertising and packaging.

"Basically, I'm being paid to play with my food, which I was reprimanded for as a child," she jokes. "It's a fun way to work with food and not be in a restaurant kitchen."

Most food stylists have a



A food stylist set up this stock photo and a food photographer shot it, sounds like a delicious job, no?

background in food, but there is little direct training in North America. Tricks of the trade — like using tweezers and dental

picks to shape food — are collected on the job. A deep knowledge of food is critical so that you know how a recipe will turn out before you start and how food behaves over time.

When Richard is done, she hands over to food photographers like Yvonne Duivenvoorden.

**"Basically, I'm being paid to play with my food, which I was reprimanded for as a child."** Food stylist Lucie Richard

Duivenvoorden (Broad daylight.ca) trained as a photographer at Holland College in P.E.I. and then Ryerson University. She works in Toronto.

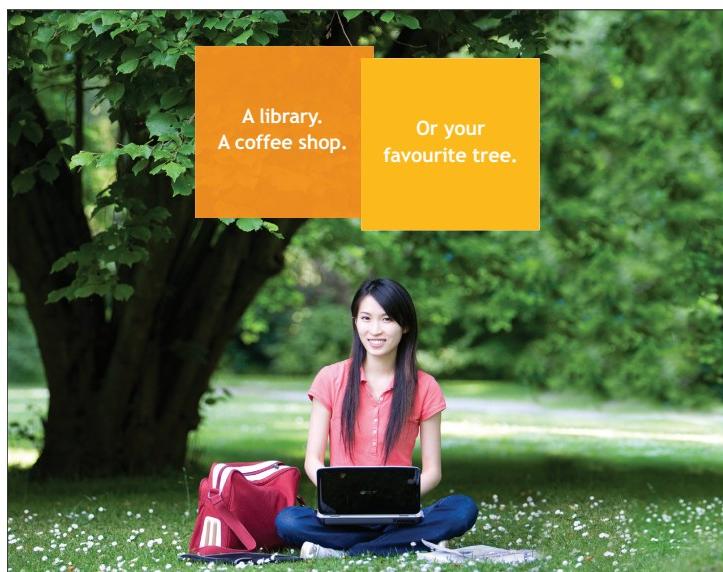
"As soon as I discovered that people actually do this for a living, I was caught up," she says of her preference for commercial photography over fine art. She started working as a photographer's assistant and recommends such informal apprenticeship.

"The irony of it is that I can't cook a thing. I'm not even that interested in the flavour aspect of food. I see it very much as shapes and colours on a plate," she says. "I see it as

a still life."

That gives her a photographer's eye unbiased by a personal love of chocolate or hatred of liver. Like Richard, Duivenvoorden is quick to bust myths: Turkeys are not shellacked, mashed potatoes don't pretend to be ice cream and food doesn't sit under hot lights all day. At the end of a shoot, she says all of the dishes she photographs are edible, if a little tired, and she mostly relies on natural light.

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# Metro Drive



## Enter the Juke

Nissan Juke is headed to North America, the automaker recently announced. The all-new small crossover CUV will be added to Nissan's Canadian lineup in fall 2010.

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## Hot, hot Tundra

Toyota steps it up with cool pickup

NEIL MOORE  
for Metro Canada



### 2010 Toyota Tundra 4X4 Double Cab

**Type:** Full-size pickup truck  
**Price:** \$40,270  
**Engine:** (as tested) 4.6-litre DOHC, 32-Valve V8 (310 hp, 327 lb/ft of torque)  
**Fuel Economy:** 14.9L/100 km city; 10.5L/100 km highway

#### Highlights

- Improved fuel economy and power
- Plenty of options for engines and cabs.

with a thirsty behemoth.

The 2010 Tundra is no exception, at least in terms of size. Substantially larger than Toyota's first effort in

'93, the humble V6-powered T100 — today's Tundra is every bit as brawny as its Big Three competitors.

But Toyota has felt the effects of buck-a-litre gas on truck sales and has responded with a new 4.6-litre base engine that improves not only on fuel economy, but in power.

My tester was built upon the base 4x4 Double Cab SR5 (4.6 litre) at \$35,790, adding the TRD Offroad package (\$4,105), along with a rear bumper step (\$347 installed) and a two-inch trailer ball (\$28 installed). This brings the MSRP up to \$40,270 and gets you a well equipped vehicle.

The large chrome grille and raised hood gives the 2010 Toyota Tundra pickup a robust, purposeful look.



sion oil temperature.

Inside, seats are comfortable and supportive, upholstered in an attractive, high-quality fabric. The instruments are amber lit and deeply inset, with metallic surrounds. However, the silver finish and shiny black plastic panels could use a little updating.

## AutoPilot

**Michael Goetz**

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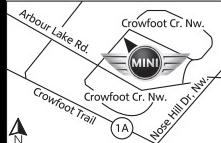
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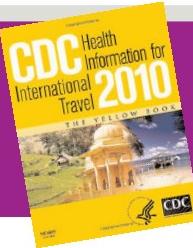
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# Travel

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## International travellers health guide

The Yellow Book is published every two years by CDC as a reference for those who advise international travelers about health risks. The Yellow Book is written primarily for health professionals, but most travellers will find it very useful. The book now cites potential ailments found at specific destinations. And has sections that address the risks of going overseas for medical care. It also addresses health concerns when traveling with infants what to consider with international adoptions.

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# Do as they do ... but on a budget

Metro finds the best places to eat, drink and be merry in Rome at a price anyone can afford

**ROMINA MCGUINNESS**  
Metro World News

You don't need a fistful of dollars to live la dolce vita in Rome. Metro has compiled a list of places to eat, drink and be merry in Rome for any budget.

**DAILY BUDGET \$50**

**EAT**

**Gran Caffe La Caffettiera**

A rustic cafeteria a stone's throw away from the Pantheon is a true Neapolitan bar experience as well as being a favorite with the political and media crowd. lacaffettieraonline.com

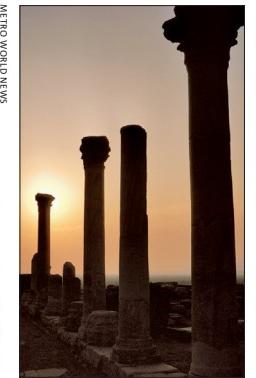
**STAY**

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Classic Italian architecture is reason enough to make the trip to Rome. But then, so are the prices.



Numerous sites across Rome offer a glimpse into the past.

**STAY  
Momi**

This boutique guesthouse has only three rooms but charm and service make it a joy.

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**GO**

**St. Peter's Basilica**

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The view shows you everything from the cupolas, domes and café terraces.

**DAILY BUDGET \$100**

**EAT**

**La Gatta Mangiona**

Owner Ginacarlo Casa, a "pizza engineer," serves up gourmet pizzas. Toppings include smoked mackerel, flowers and raw buffalo mozzarella.

lagattamangiona.it

A fantastic way to take in the city.

Take line three which crosses the Tiber, loops towards the east (Colosseum and Porta Maggiore) before making its final point of call in the northern suburbs. Brilliant.

**DAILY BUDGET \$500**

**GO**

**Tour on a tram**

The menu itself is a work of art, featuring dishes such as black cabbage soup, seafood gnocchi followed by catalan cream or a succulent mille-feuille with chantilly for dessert.

primalpigneto.it

**STAY**

**Portait Suites**

It's discreet yet fabulous location near the main designer shops on Via Condotti mean this is one of the most sought after hotels in Rome. Dine under the stars on the terrace.

lungarnohotels.com

**GO**

**Shop until you drop**

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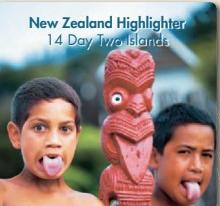
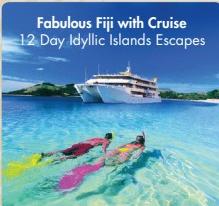
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# Entertainment

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## Glee club

U.S. first lady Michelle Obama has invited the cast of Glee to perform at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll on April 5 — and, barring any last-minute glitches, they're gonna do it. [EW.COM](#)

# The Crazies go 'over the top'

Star says new film is more love story than zombie flick

CHRIS ALEXANDER  
for Metro Canada

**Though marketed as a zombie film, Breck Eisner's remake of George A. Romero's post-Night of the Living Dead thriller The Crazies is really a kind of love story. Or at least that's what co-star Radha Mitchell thinks.**

The lovely, lithe Australian actress is no stranger to horror films, having starred in 2006's cult surrealist shocker *Silent Hill*. But with *The Crazies*, it was the human element that persuaded her to sign on.

"I was in Calcutta when I got the script," says Mitchell, whose credits include Woody Allen's *Melin-*

**The Crazies opens in theatres on Friday**

da and Melinda and Jonathan Mostow's Surrogates.

"I wasn't sure about doing another horror film but it was the central drama, of this relationship between a husband and the love he has for his wife that appealed to me."

The *Crazies* charts the 48 hours following the outbreak of a stray bi-chemical weapon nicknamed "Trixie," a virus that snakes its way into a small town's water supply, turning all of its victims into red faced homicidal lunatics who murder anything with a heartbeat. Sheriff Timothy Olyphant (HBO's *Deadwood*) is one of the lucky uninfected, corralled by the government for relocation.



Actress Radha Mitchell says it was the human element of her newest movie *The Crazies* that persuaded her to sign on.

His wife, Mitchell is not so lucky. His frantic search to find her is the story's main thrust.

"My character is tough," says the actress.

"To find a strong female role in this genre is so rare."

Though the film favours

drama over gore, the look of the infected victims, or "the crazies" is suitably disgusting: Their skin is mottled, eyes blown out and pulsing veins protrude everywhere. Romero himself (who is credited as executive producer here) re-

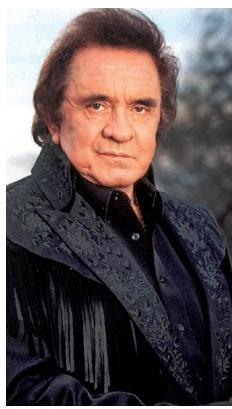
cently told Metro that making Trixie's victims appear like rotting zombies (they're not) was an odd, potentially misleading choice, but Mitchell disagrees.

"The whole point of the movie is the juxtaposition

between the horror and the humanity," she says.

Breck wanted the crazies to be completely over the top, to make them terrifying. It's a theatrical device and it makes the heroes dangerous situation seem that much more intense."

# New Johnny Cash album released six years after death



Johnny Cash, who has been dead for six years, worked with producer Rick Rubin on American VI: Ain't No Grave.

**Johnny Cash's voice comes in with a rumble, singing that there "ain't no grave that can hold my body down." A shuffling beat that sounds like heavy chains being carried back and forth accompanies him.**

It sounds both reassuring and, let's be honest, a little creepy.

He's been dead for six years now. Even a voice that iconic can't speak from the Great Beyond, can it?

No, it's what he left behind — the sixth and last of the American Recordings series he made with producer Rick Rubin. The disc, *American VI: Ain't No Grave* was released yes-

**"When we first went back and listened to the recordings after he had passed, it really just felt like this voice coming back from another place. It had all this weight and gravity to it. It was scary."** Rick Rubin

terday. Cash's 78th birthday would have been Friday.

Like the series' fifth disc, also released posthumously in 2006, it contains mostly recordings made by Cash in the last few months of his life. His way of working through the grief over his wife June's death, also in 2003, was to work as much as his health permitted.

"When we first went back and listened to the recordings after he had

passed, it really just felt like this voice coming back from another place," Rubin said. "It had all this weight and gravity to it. It was scary."

You can hear the good days and bad days in his voice. Sometimes it's weak, as if Cash was struggling for his breath. Other times it's stronger, more familiar to fans who have listened to him for decades.

When he had finished

the fourth disc of the series that gave him a professional rebirth, Cash thought the run was over. He was a little melancholic — until Rubin told him they should start the next one tomorrow.

"His eyes lit up," he said. "He really got excited. He didn't know if he could do it, he didn't know if anybody cared that he could do it. He felt like he'd given what he had to give. The possibility that there was more for him to give really excited him and from that moment on, he was really on."

The unadorned series of recordings were a late-in-life artistic revival for Cash, as he worked on songs expected and unexpected —

like the memorable cover of the Nine Inch Nails' song *Hurt*.

Along with the title cut, *Ain't No Grave*, the songs Cash sings includes ones by Kris Kristofferson, Sheryl Crow, Tom Paxton and an original he wrote in his last three years.

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## Last of the Cash

- **Johnny Cash's American VI: Ain't No Grave** is the final installment in the critically acclaimed American Recordings series. Read our review in tomorrow's Metro.



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Johnny Depp stars in Alice In Wonderland.

## U.K. chain puts Alice on ice

**FILM** British cinema chain Odeon will not show Tim Burton's fantasy adventure Alice in Wonderland in Britain, Ireland and Italy because of a dispute over the timing of the film's DVD release, the company said yesterday.

Odeon objects to Walt Disney Pictures' decision to leave only 12 weeks between the film's theatrical and DVD releases in those countries, rather than the usual 17 weeks.

Odeon said it had invested "considerable sums of money in digital projection equipment to show 3-D films and a shorter window to screen films would undermine its investment."

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# Adams, Sainte-Marie tapped for GG awards

**Bryan Adams and Buffy Sainte-Marie are among the recipients of this year's Governor General's Performing Arts Awards.**

The prizes, announced Tuesday in Montreal, are given for lifetime artistic achievement.

Quebec theatre actress and broadcaster Francoise Faucher, artist manager Walter Homburger, Quebec choreographer Edouard Lock and actor/stage director Robin Phillips — who spent six seasons with the Stratford Shakespeare Festival — round out the list of honourees.

"Time will never erase the pathways that these great performing artists have traced, both for us the public and for young generations of creators," said Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean.

"For they are pathways of light that cross through our lives and shed a brighter light on everything they touch. And so we thank them for all of



Bryan Adams is among the recipients of this year's Governor General's performing arts awards.

those rays of hope they shine on our world, which would otherwise be a darker and duller place."

Adams, born in Kingston, Ont., and raised in Vancouver, has won dozens of music awards and has racked up a slew of hit songs including Summer of '69, Run to You and Heaven.

Earlier this month, he was one of the featured performers at the opening ceremonies for the Winter Games.

Saskatchewan-born Sainte-Marie is known for her music, philanthropy and activism. Her songs

have been covered by a long list of high-profile artists and she co-wrote Up Where We Belong, which won the Academy Award for best song in 1982.

Jean will present the awards April 30 at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. Recipients each receive \$25,000 and a medallion struck by the Royal Canadian Mint.

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Kirk Cameron is offering help to his former *Growing Pains* cast mate Andrew Koenig, who went missing in Vancouver over a week ago. "I am praying for his family during this time of distress and for his safe return," Cameron said. [POPEATER.CA](#)

# Genre-expanding stars

Husky, Dean, Sherill, Williams enter Country Music Hall of Fame

**Ferlin Husky usually gets a lot of calls in the spring from friends telling him this has to be the year he'll be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.**

"Every year I've heard that — for the last 15 or 20 years," Husky said with a laugh.

This time it's true.

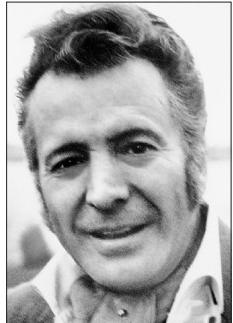
The Country Music Association on Tuesday announced that Husky and three other genre-expanding country music stars will be new inductees to the Hall of Fame.

Husky joins fellow crossover pioneer Jimmy Dean, producer Billy Sherrill and top-selling singer Don Williams. The men will be inducted into the Hall in Nashville, Tenn., later this year.

It's been a long wait for Husky, who is 84. One of the best-selling popular artists regardless of genre in the 1950s and '60s, Husky figured he just wasn't country enough for the Country Music Hall of Fame.

"The main thing I'm proud of this is for my family and for the many people who want to see me go in there before I die," Husky said. "It's a great honour."

Husky and Dean — both selected as Veterans Era Artists in a tie under a new



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File photos of country music singers Ferlin Husky (1973), left, and Don Williams (1979). They are two of four men who will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame this year.

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Ferlin Husky, 84, musician

selection process this year — took country music to wider audiences by using the relatively new medium of television to earn new fans.

Dean, best known for the spoken narrative hit *Big Bad John*, hosted *The Morning Show*, an early morning variety show on CBS, was the first guest host for *The Tonight Show* and had his own variety show on CBS that featured country artists as guests.

He became a headliner at venues like Carnegie Hall and the Hollywood

Bowl and became the first country star to play on the Las Vegas strip.

He also was an actor with parts in television and the movies, including the role of James Bond's ally Willard Whyte in the 1971 film *Diamonds Are Forever*.

Husky also achieved pop success before turning to TV and film. He was a variety show regular and among the first country artists to get a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

He had several hits, including *Wings of a Dove*

and *Gone*, and sold millions of records.

"I didn't say it was country, but it was a country boy doing it," Husky said.

Williams started his recording career with a folk-pop outfit and moved to Nashville in the early 1970s. He went on to record 17 No. 1 hits in the U.S. and earned a large following in Europe.

He also appeared in movies, including *Smokey and the Bandit II*.

Sherrill, 73, ranks among Nashville's greatest producers and was named songwriter of the century by BMI in 1999. He shaped the careers of Tammy Wynette, George Jones and dozens of other country stars.

Influenced heavily by producers as diverse as Owen Bradley and Phil Spector, Sherrill brought a more sophisticated sound to Nashville that helped push country music to a more mainstream audience.

The Grammy winner used strings and backing vocals to great effect and wasn't afraid to try new things — even if no one seemed to like it at first.

"They called it country-potential or something like that," Sherrill said. "I always took a lot of heat for using violins and things like that."

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Struggling music company EMI Group has shelved plans to sell Abbey Road, the London recording studio made famous by The Beatles. Pictured: The renowned crosswalk in front of the building.

## Abbey Studios officially declared historic building

**PRESERVATION** The Beatles' Abbey Road Studios were officially declared a historic building Tuesday, a move that will help preserve the cultural landmark that is a magnet for fans worldwide.

The crosswalk outside the iconic north London studios draws tourists with cameras daily, and the facilities have also hosted Pink Floyd, Jeff Beck and Radiohead and are still popular with orchestras.

But their cash-strapped owner EMI Group Ltd. says the studios have been losing money for years and has only recently shelved plans to sell them. While EMI now says it's looking for money to help revitalize the studios, news that it was seeking to offload Abbey Road sparked dismay among music fans.

Former Beatle Paul Mc-

Cartney said he hoped it could be preserved, while English Heritage — the body that oversees buildings of historic interest — appealed to the government to name it a historic building.

English Heritage spokeswoman Helen Bowman said government's move "has probably been sped up" by recent speculation over the studios' future.

In a statement, English Heritage chief executive Simon Thurley said the Georgian building housing the studios "acts as a modern day monument to the history of recorded sound and music."

"Some of the most defining sounds of the 20th century were created within the walls of the Abbey Road Studios," he said.

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## Entertainment in brief

**TV** Jay Leno will be reclaiming *The Tonight Show* with help from Sarah Palin, Lindsey Vonn and Jamie Foxx. Palin



They will be

among Leno's guests next week when he returns as host of NBC's late-night show. Foxx, Olympic skier Vonn and musical guest Brad Paisley will appear on Monday. Palin is scheduled for Tuesday.

**PEOPLE** A federal appeals court will re-examine today whether the government can reinstate its fine against TV network CBS over Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" during the 2004 Super Bowl half-time show. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia in 2008 had ruled that government broadcast regulators acted arbitrarily and capriciously in issuing the fine for the half-second of nudity.

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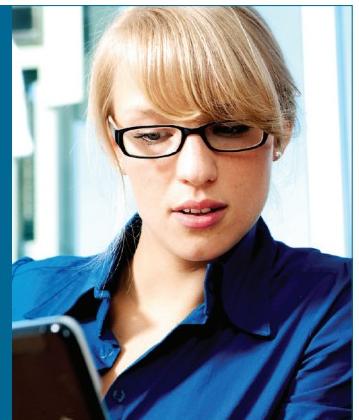
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**Outstanding everyone in the room (she's nearly six feet tall)**

Naomi Campbell, 39, was given the Outstanding Contribution award at Tuesday's Elle Style Awards in recognition of her 25-year career and the work she does for safe pregnancy charity The White Ribbon Alliance, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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**etalk's Lainey Lui dishes out celeb dirt in three's**

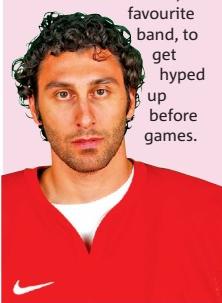
**Three Talk**  
with Lainey Lui

**ROBERTO LUONGO.** Vancouver goaltender Roberto Luongo is now charged with guarding the home side as Team Canada faces a difficult road to hockey gold. He is playing on familiar ice at GM Place and he makes a point of starting every game at home if he's healthy because he feels he owes it to the home fans. It's his rink, it's his town, and he says he's ready for the challenge. Here are three things you might not know about Roberto Luongo:

**ONE** Luongo replaces Martin Brodeur in net. Both grew up in St. Leonard, Que., a suburb just outside Montreal, where both have arenas named after them.

**TWO** Luongo's first boss was his dad. He worked in the family shoe store selling shoes as a teenager before devoting most of his free time to hockey practice.

**THREE** He listens to U2, his favourite band, to get hyped up before games.



Lainey Lui is a reporter for etalk and runs the popular gossip site, LaineyGossip.com. As part of CTV's Olympic Broadcast Team, Lainey is on the ground in Whistler reporting on entertainment news from the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

**etalk****And Janet makes 5**

**LA TOYA WAS ON A SÉANCE** Janet Jackson has reportedly agreed to join brothers Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Jackie for a Jackson 5 reunion tour later this year that was originally supposed to feature Michael Jackson.

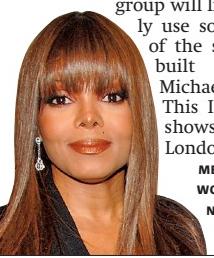
"Janet will be joining us. We're all talking about it now," Jermaine told Australian reporters, according to Hollyscoop.

"She has never played with us before, so that will be very special."

She definitely wants to do it. We had a conference call and Janet has agreed to join us on tour."

Jermaine also said the group will likely use some of the sets built for Michael's This Is It shows in London.

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**Where it's at ... I got two cartons of smokes**

**AND A SHOT OF B12** Lindsay Lohan knows how to handle jet lag.

The actress hurried back from London to host a party in Atlantic City and reportedly wanted to make sure the time change didn't affect her.

"She said she was suffer-

ing from jet lag and requested that a doctor be on call to administer B12 shots if needed," a source tells Page Six.

"Her other demand was two cartons of cigarettes."

Lohan then relaxed in a private cabana with her mother and friends, where she criticized the DJ, saying "a certain ex-girlfriend" could do better — a reference to ex Samantha Ronson.

METRO WORLD NEWS

**Letting Brooke out of the bag**

**AND PUTTING HER BACK INTO ANOTHER REHAB** Charlie Sheen's wife, Brooke Mueller, has settled into a new rehab facility and is getting ready to sue the one she just vacated after staff leaked information about her stay to the press, according to TMZ.

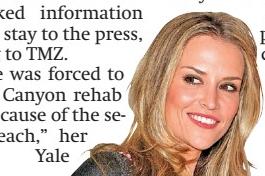
"Brooke was forced to leave the Canyon rehab facility because of the security breach," her lawyer, Yale

Galanter, tells the Web site.

"Brooke no longer feels she can go into a public facility because of the breach of confidentiality the Canyon committed."

Mueller reportedly checked into a new facility in a private home in Los Angeles.

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**Farrah's final curtain call**

**HOPEFULLY SOMEONE WILL BE WATCHING IT** Redmond O'Neal's battle with drug addiction may be featured in a new documentary about his late mother Farrah Fawcett, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

In the letter Ryan has written outlining his plans for the show he says, "We plan to focus on three main areas of her legacy: her art (namely her films and her sculptures); her inspirational battle with cancer; and the light of her life,

our son Redmond, who is now fighting to reclaim himself in honour of his mother."

In his letter — obtained by website RadarOnline.com — Ryan also said the documentary will include Fawcett's voice from "an original, never-aired 2005 interview with never-before-seen footage from our private collection of home movies."

Ryan and Redmond were arrested together on drugs charges in 2008 after the drug Crystal Meth was found at Ryan's home.

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**A Canadian pops up in Paris**

**AND THEN GETS MOBBED. WELL, WE ARE PRETTY AWESOME** Teen pop sensation Justin Bieber had to cut an in-store appearance in Paris short after the event descended into chaos, according to PopCrunch.

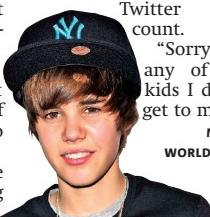
Bieber was told by police that they could not control the thousands of screaming fans who showed up.

"They reorganized the crowd and we got it going

but after a little while the police stopped it and came in and said it was over and I had to leave," the 15-year-old singer posted on his Twitter account.

"Sorry to any of the kids I didn't get to meet."

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**Feel his poetic urge coming**

**EWW! NO, PUT IT AWAY!** Mel Gibson had quite a hand in girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva's new album, having written lyrics for two of the songs.

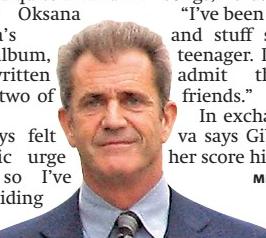
"I always felt the poetic urge coming, so I've been providing lyrics

and stuff for a few of her songs," Gibson tells Extra.

"I've been writing poetry and stuff since I was a teenager. Didn't want to admit that to my friends."

In exchange, Grigorieva says Gibson is letting her score his next film.

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**ANDY DICK**

wants to share, **NICOLE "SNOO-KI" POLIZZI** is easily starstruck, **BOW WOW** asks the tough questions, and **KIRSTIE ALLEY** likes criticizing herself.



**@andydick** i'm gonna start streaming live again...if my lawyers let me.

**@Snooki** Bahaha just got a personal video from mr. belding from saved by the bell

**@BowWow** How many women wish they woke up rolled over and there i was in your bed?

**@kirstiealley** I love calling myself an idiot... I know my IQ.... Doesn't have any connection to my abilities.. Just my inabilities

**Measuring up**

**TO HIS 'MEASURING STICK'** Katy Perry admits that fiancé Russell Brand's history as a "ladies' man" can be a bit daunting.

"Can you imagine the kind of responsibility I have with his reputation?" she says, according to Showbiz Spy.

"I'm bedridden most of the week."

But the singer insists she's happy to let the British comedian lead.

"He's the boss; he calls the shots, I like that. I've been waiting for someone I couldn't steamroll."





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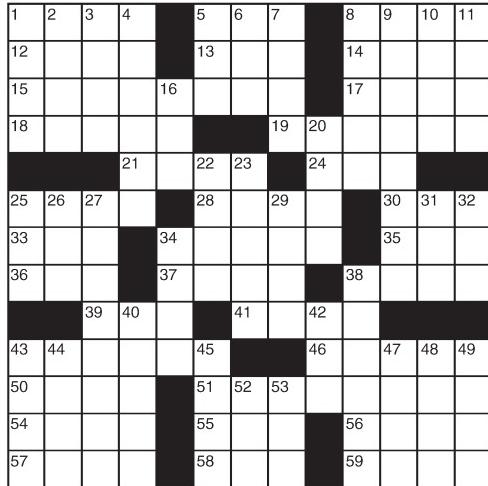
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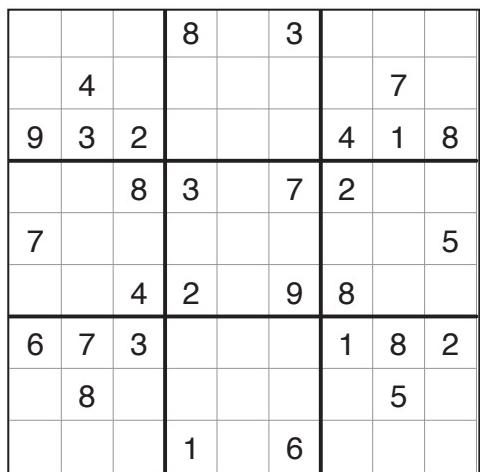
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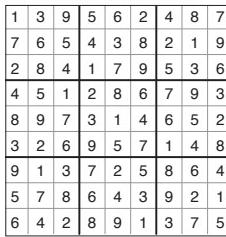
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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



It may be easy to avoid an unpleasant scene, but is it wise? Sooner or later you are going to have to deal with this situation, so why not deal with it now?

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



The Sun is moving through the area of the heavens that governs friendships, group activities and what you truly believe.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Promises made in the heat of the night have a way of falling apart, so make sure you can deliver before you promise a loved one the world.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



The Sun in Pisces makes you eager for new experiences but that eagerness could be your undoing.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



You have a knack for being in the right place at the right time and at some point today you will benefit from another individual's loss.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



It does not matter that you have a pile of work to get through, you must make time for loved ones today.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Little things can seem so important but, of course, in the greater scheme of things they are of no real significance.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Scorpio is a Water sign, which means that you tend to listen more to your heart than your head.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Although loved ones may be more emotional than is good for them at the moment, you will only make matters worse if you yell at them.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



You may have more energy than most people but not even you can keep up this red-hot pace forever.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



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